




## Memorandum

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To: CALFED Policy Group

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Subject: Issues Relative to Release of Draft EIR/EIS

As we move toward a decision on the Draft Preferred Alternative, there is a series of issues needing our attention. In the enclosed summary, we have drafted a set of issues which have been identified through agency and stakeholder discussions on all elements of the Program, some of which need to be resolved prior to the release of the Draft document, and some of which will need proper framing in the document for further review and deliberation during the public review of the Draft.

The enclosed set of issues is under review by the Management Team and will be discussed at the Management Team next week with the intent of identifying the issues we must resolve now and preparing for Policy Team discussion, and working toward accurately framing the remaining issues for appropriate treatment in the Draft document. As you review this list, consider how each issue might move toward resolution through the decision model which follows. It is this model we will use on December 18/19 to reach closure on as many of these issues as possible.

The list is provided so as to give you an overview of the range and outline of these issues; at the Policy Group meeting the Management Team will provide further definition of this list and a suggested action strategy for each one.

### CALFED Agencies

California

- The Resources Agency
- Department of Fish and Game
- Department of Water Resources
- California Environmental Protection Agency
- State Water Resources Control Board

Federal

- Environmental Protection Agency
- Department of the Interior
- Fish and Wildlife Service
- Bureau of Reclamation
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Department of Agriculture

- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Department of Commerce
- National Marine Fisheries Service